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TOOK PLACE. IT IS TRUE HOWEVER, THAT MANY MREGNESAUDIS-INCLUDING THE KING--FEEL THE US HAS NOT MOVED FAST ENOUGH ON
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WE CANNOT CONFIRM THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE IMPOSED A DECEMBER

DEADLINE ON SETTLEMENT PROGRESS. PRINCE FAHD, WHO IS KING FAYSAL'S

LIKELY SUCCESSOR, HAD BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR SOME TIME AND

PRESUMABLY DID NOT ATTEND THE REPORTED MEETING. THE KING WOULD

PROBABLY WANT HIM ON BOARD BEFORE GOING SO FAR AS TO DECIDE ON A

DEADLINE FOR PROGRESS ON A SETTLEMENT. FAHD, WHOSE OWN PRESTIGE IS

LINKED WITH THE SAUDI-US TIE, MIGHT TRY TO ARGUE THE US CASE.

EVEN SO, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ASSUME THAT SAUDI PATIENCE IS

LIMITLESS. THEIR GOALS HAVE ESCALATED WITH THEIR GROWING IMPORTANCE

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